

BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL PAUL N. CONNER

Colonel Paul Conner is the Commander, 4th Medical Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC. He is responsible for the overall operations of three diverse squadrons consisting of 320 active duty, civilian, and contract personnel, and provides 71,000 patient visits annually to deliver comprehensive outpatient medical and dental care to 36,000 beneficiaries with an operational budget of \$31.9 million. Additionally, he oversees the medical clearance for all active duty members of the 4th Fighter Wing in support of a healthy and fit force for world-wide expeditionary combat operations.

Col Conner entered active duty as a graduate from the University of Miami and completed Undergraduate Missile Training in 1994. His career assignments have included space and missile instructor and evaluator, DATA MASKED space operations, and healthcare from the squadron, group, Air Force, and National leadership levels. From January 2012 through June 2012, he forward deployed and served as the Administrator, 455th Expeditionary Medical Group (Craig Joint Theater Hospital), and Commander, 455th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron where he was responsible for all component Healthcare Service Support functions in the world's busiest trauma center (by acuity measures).



Col Conner was the CFO and Associate Administrator for the 59 MDW. He also served as a commander in a joint task force at Bagram AF, the SG's Financial Fellow, and held positions on the President's Budget Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Col Conner was the Chief Financial Officer and Director, Business Operations for the San Antonio Military Health System (SAMHS) Enhanced Multi-Service Market and serves as the principal advisor to the Market Manager and Vice Market Manager for all healthcare resourcing and business operations issues. The SAMHS is comprised of the Air Force's 59th Medical Wing and the Army's Brooke Army Medical Center commands. Together, these two units have 10 Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF), over 11,000 staff, 59 Graduate Medical Education and Graduate Allied Health programs, and more than \$1.2 billion in annual operating budgets supporting 240,000 beneficiaries. In addition, the SAMHS operates DoD's only United States based Level I Trauma Center, the most productive inpatient and largest outpatient facilities, and the largest Ambulatory Surgical Center.

Col Conner is originally from Fort Lauderdale FL and is married to Lt Col (ret) Cynthia Conner (née Burin) from Los Angeles CA. They have one daughter named Rilee.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Miami
- 1998 Master of Healthcare Administration, Central Michigan University
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2002 Distinguished Graduate, Army Expert Field Medical Badge Evaluation/Qualification, Baumholder GE
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB AL
- 2006 Intermediate Development Education, Washington DC
- 2008 Air War College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB AL

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. March 1994–October 1995, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB ND
- 2. November 1995–December 1996, Missile Combat Crew Commander/Instructor, 741st Misile Squadron, Minot AFB ND
- 3. January 1997-October 1997, Chief, Standardization & Evaluation Operations, 91st Operations Group, Minot AFB ND
- 4. November 1997–February 1998, Flight Commander, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB ND
- 5. March 1998–February 1999, ICBM Test Operations Officer, TOP HAND 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg AFB CA
- 6. March 1999-January 2000, Chief, ICBM Flight Test, TOP HAND 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg AFB CA
- 7. February 2000–March 2001, Flight Commander, DATA MASKED
- 8. April 2001-March 2002, Chief, Operations Analysis and Engineering, DATA MASKED
- 9. April 2002-November 2002, Chief, Information Services Element, 86th Medical Support Squadron, Ramstein AB GE

- 10. December 2002-January 2004, Chief, Clinical Engineering, 10th Medical Group, USAF Academy CO
- 11. February 2004–June 2005, Flight Commander, Business Operations & Beneficiary Support, 10th Medical Group, USAF Academy CO
- 12. July 2005–August 2006, IDE Student, Financial Management Fellowship, Washington DC and Intern, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC
- 13. August 2006–May 2008, Senior Budget Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Washington DC
- 14. June 2008–June 2010, Administrator, 51st Medical Group and Commander, 51st Medical Support Squadron, Osan AB ROK
- 15. July 2010-December 2012, Associate Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB TX
- 16. January 2012–June 2012, Administrator, Craig Joint Theater Hospital and Commander, 455th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron, Bagram AF AFG
- 17. January 2013–May 2015, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Business Operations, San Antonio Military Health System, San Antonio TX
- 18. June 2015-Present, Commander, 4th Medical Group, Seymour Johnson AFB NC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Federal Sector Military Excellence Healthcare Management of the Year, American College of Healthcare Executives, 2009 Brigadier General Patricia C. Lewis Commitment to Service Award, Air Education and Training Command, 2010 and 2012 United States Army Order of Military Medical Merit, 2014

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 13 May 93
First Lieutenant 5 Aug 95
Captain 5 Aug 97
Major 1 Nov 03
Lieutenant Colonel 1 Feb 08
Colonel 1 Oct 14

(Current as of Jul 15)